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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giuseppe COLOMBO et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS A  
SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE  
INTO PLASTICS GRANULES COATING)

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 1-33 without prejudice or disclaimer and substitute therefor the following claims 34-66.

34. (New) Method for continuously introducing a substance in liquid phase into plastics granules comprising the steps of:

a) feeding a substantially continuous flow of said plastics granules to at least one substantially static spraying chamber,

b) spraying said substance in liquid phase onto the plastics granules continuously flowing within said spraying chamber,

c) passing the granules partially or totally coated by said substance in liquid phase continuously leaving the spraying chamber through substantially